

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1-8. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A universal hard disk cartridge for inserting a removable hard drive and connecting to a I/O port of a personal computer by an interface cable comprising:

- a) a universal hard disk cartridge housing; and
- 5 b) a hard disk connecting board connected to the universal hard disk cartridge housing such that a portion of the hard disk connecting board extends out of a first side of the universal hard disk cartridge housing, the hard disk connecting board having:
 - i) a female IDE connector configured to be removably connected to a male IDE connector of the hard drive;
 - 10 ii) a MC-36 female connector having a portion extending outwardly of a second side of the universal hard disk cartridge housing, and configured to be removably connected to a MC-36 male connector of the interface cable;
 - 15 iii) a power input jack; and
 - iv) a printed circuit board, the female IDE connector, the MC-36 female connector and the power input jack being connected to the circuit board, wherein the universal hard disk cartridge housing has a length less than a length of the printed circuit board.

9. (Previously added) The universal hard disk cartridge for inserting the removable hard drive and connecting to the I/O port of the personal computer by the interface cable according to Claim 8, wherein the universal hard disk cartridge housing has an ejection button such that the removable hard drive is detached from the hard disk connecting board by pushing the ejection button.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Previously added) The universal hard disk cartridge for inserting the removable hard drive and connecting to the I/O port of the personal computer by the interface cable according to Claim 8, wherein the hard disk has an identification label.